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For: METHODS OF USE OF THE TACI/TACI-L INTERACTION

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.312

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2000, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments in the referenced patent application, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312. A copy of each replacement paragraph and claim, marked up to show the amendments, accompanies this amendment.

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account no. 09-0089, the extension fee and any other fee due in connection with the enclosed amendment or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account no. 09-0089. A duplicate of this paper is attached for that purpose.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

On page 5, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 28 and replace it with the following paragraph:

β¹ The terms "TACI" and "TACI protein" are used interchangeably to define the TNF receptor disclosed by WO 98/39361 and refer, among others, generally to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or homologous analogs thereof. TACI comprises an extracellular domain, a transmembrane domain, and cytoplasmic domain.

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